Griffith Gives Reason for Belief That Johnson Will Pitch for Nationals

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MAY RETURN MARQUARD.

Magnate Ward Tells of His Dealings

Federals made public yesterday a let-ter which he has written to President Hempstead of the Giants relative to Hempstead of the Glants relative to the signing of Rube Marquard. The executive of the Tip Tops has promised to relinquish claim to the south-paw provided the New York club can prove to his satisfaction that the Glants hold Marquard's signed contract for the seasons of 1915 and 1916. He goes even further than this and expresses a willingness to consider with Marquard a cancellation of the contract he entered into for \$1,500 prize money.

In his letter Mr. Ward reviews the conditions under which Marquard was signed, the story coinciding in detail with that announced publicly at the long time.

Maranville Is Hurt.

Lewiston, Me., December 10.—Rabit Maranville, crack shortstop of the Ginants in retaining Player William Ritter, a minor that the Federals tried to entice away and did succeed in signilar gespite this boy's father's wishes. His purpose, Mr. Ward assures, is to

advance the cause of honest base ball.

The Ritter case, which furnishes no parallel whatever because the young player was technically under contract to the Giants when the Brooklyn Fed-With Erratic Southpaw.

NEW YORK, December 16.—President Robert B. Ward of the Brooklyn Federals made public yesterday a let-

GRIFFITH EXPECTS TO KEEP JOHNSON

Thinks Pitcher Will Report When Contract Is Proved to Be Binding.

GAVE MITCHELL AWAY TO AVOID SALARY CUT

Sees Better Chance for Nationals Now That Mack's Team

> Is Weakened. BY J. ED GRILLO.

Clark Griffith's claim that Walter Johnson will be pitching for the Na-tionals next spring is based on his belief that Johnson was lured into believ-ing his contract with the Washington lub is not binding

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"When Walter learns that the courts will stop him from pitching anywhere but with my club he will come back into the fold," said Griffith this morning. "I am confident that Walter is honest. He has been told by some of the Federal League lawyers that the option clause in his contract will not hold him here, and he has taken a chance. I don't believe that he has his salary guaranteed, and when he finds he cannot play with the Feds he will report here to live up to his agreement. That is going to be what will happen. I am convinced that if Walter knew that his contract with us is binding he would live up to it."

Griffith is a believer in good treatment for ball players who are fair in their dealings. That is why he gave Mike Mitchell to the New York club. "I could have sold Mike to some minor league club at a good profit, but to send him there meant to cut his salary in half, and he is too good a fellow to deserve such treatment," said Griffith. "As matters now stand the New York club will take over his contract with us and I am sure he will play good ball for that team for a couple of years at least.

"Mitchell has been an ideal ball player. He is clean cut in all his dealings, always has been loyal and for that reason deserves every consideration."

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Griffith does not expect to land a seasoned pitcher as a result of his visit to the meeting in New York. He admits that he approached the New York officials with reference to considering a proposition for Ray Caldwell, but that he was informed that Caldwell already had promised to report to the club in the spring. Caldwell's contract is just the same as Johnson's and he will live up to it. Naturally the New York club does not want to part with him if he will report to the and there was no chance for Griffith to land the Yankes star. He felt out other clubs about getting a pitcher, but there was nothing doing.

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"If we have Walter back with us, and I am sure that we will, we'll have a better chance of being in the flag race next season than ever before," said Griffith. "The Athletics were the only team that stopped us every year during the past three and Mack will not have that kind of a team next season, so that gives us a chance, for I expect to be a whole lot stronger in the next campaign than I was in the last."

of those lost. With the Corcoran, all are light and do not appear to be exceptionally fast. Dinn comes to Georgetown with the reputation of having been one of the best scholastic forwards in the New England states while a member of the Williston Academy quint, and, owing to a lack of condition, probably did not do himself justice last night.

The loss of Sam Foley will be almost

FREE -SEE HIS AFFILIAVIT THE" FEILS" ARE HAVING A HARII TIME TRYING TO EXPLAIN THE SIGNING OF MARQUARIL. LOOKS LIKE THE RUBE IS PRETTY WELL BALLED UP. OUT TH' WINDER YOU MUST GO-GIAMITS TAKE MUH BACK MUGSY! THEY KILL NAPPET AND NOW THE BAT SWINGERS UNION HAS GIVEN HIM THE "GATE". RUMOR HAS IT - THAT MARQUARY WANTS TO HOP BACK - THE MEXICAN TUMPING BEAN HAS NOTHING

WAS IT A CASE OF MISUNDERSTANDING WHEN THE FEDS SIGNED MAROUARD?

G. U. BASKET BALL MATERIAL NOT UP TO USUAL STANDARD

ing doing.

The Nationals' manager contends that his team's chances next season will be better than ever before, but he goes on the theory that Walter Johnson will be back here. He contends that the only reason he did not win pennants in 1912 and 1913 was because his team could not beat the Athletics. If these measures up to the standard but he sees hopes of that now that Mack has rid his team of Collins, Plank and Bender.

After the including two men from the team of last season on the squad—Capt. Kelley, guard, and la Tormey, center. Curry, Dinn, Flanagan, Corcoran and Connolly are the new men who are being depended upon to fill vacancies, and it is questionable if these measures up to the standard of those lost. With the exception of Corcoran, all are light and do not appear to be exceptionally fast. Dinn

impossible to make up. Certainly there

impossible to make up. Certainly there is no guard at Georgetown anywhere near capable of filling his shoes. For the last three years Foley has been one of the greatest guards in the south, having had few equals and possibly no superiors. Once or twice Foley has slumped in his playing, but in the majority of cases, especially in the bir games, his work has been as brilliant as that of any guard developed in this section in a mighty long while.

Foley has been taking post-graduate work in the Georgetown Law School this fall, but will discontinue that in order to spend a year as clerk in a law office in New York that he may be eligible for the bar of that city. Georgetown athletics will lose one of the hardest workers and one of the most efficient players they have had in a long while in Foley, who has proved popular with his fellows and is one of the most capable men in foot ball and basket ball the school has had in years. A lack of weight probably prevented him being one of the few really great foot ball players the south has turned out.

gressed, and finally obtained a good enough lead almost to insure it the contest before the end of the first half. Mount St. Joseph's spurt at the start was not of the kind to last, as its goals were hardly the result of well executed plays.

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Georgetown's team lacked the cohesiveness it will get later in the year. The passing was fair, though the handling of the ball was only mediocre. As a whole, the game was not of a very high standard, an almost continuous succession of fouls marring it considerably, and the general play showing a lack of real practice on the part of both quinta.

"By" Dickson, assistant foot ball coach at Pennsylvania during the past season, will be in direct charge of the squad next fall, according to reports sent out in the press dispatches today. Dickson was at Bucknell before going to Penn last year, and while at that institution had considerable success.

Letters were awarded to the Central High School foot ball team last night. Those who received the insignia were Capt. C. Richards, Capt.-elect Ochstadt, J. Richards, Elliott, MacDonald, Belcher, Wirt. White. Atherton, Saxon, Roberts, Hill, McKinney, Stokes, Hollingsworth, Wilkerson and Manager Stokes.

Brief addresses were made by Principal Wilson and Coach Thomas.

Despite Gallaudet's victory over the Fort Myer team in basket ball yester-day by 76 to 11, Coach Haas was not satisfied with the offense of his quint. He says the Kendall Greeners must show better form when they play Catholic University Saturday night if they want to win, and that the majority of the weakness on the part of the soldiers father than any cohesive offense shown by the collegians.

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It looked for a while last night as if Georgetown were going to have a hard time winning from Mount St. Joseph, but it got going better as the contest pro-

Heinie Wagner Plans Comeback

er, Red Sox shortstop, will endeavor to me back next spring. He already has made arrangements to go to Hot Springs early in February and boil out his arm. Wagner developed water or the elbow last spring and was unable

Walter Johnson, Rankin Johnson, Chief Johnson—the Federal League seems bent on cornering the Johnson market.



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Happenings - Sportdom By J. ED GRILLO.

If the efforts to change the ownership of the New York American League club are successful, the chances are that the Ban Johnson circuit will have one of the most successful seasons of its career in

Under new management and ownership the Yankees are sure to be a much better drawing card than ever before. Under a new regime it is possible that a better ball team will be supplied, and that after all will do more to bring about improved conditions than anything else that might happen.

further by the president of the Tip
Tops than the alleged false affidavit of
Rube Marquard.

GIVEN OUTRIGHT RELEASE.

Jack Coombs, Veteran Hurler, Gets
Notice From Athletics.

PHILADELPHIA, December 10.—Jack
Coombs, The Philadelphia American
League pitcher, was given an unconditional release by the Athletic club

According to Ban Johnson it was the original plan of the American League
to place Eddie Collins at the head of the New York team, but unforeseen conditions arose which made his sale to the Chicago club necessary. The story of Collins being intended to manage the Yankees was printed in these columns during the world series, and the deal would have gone through, but for a sudden change of conditions a sale of Collins to Comiskey.

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Under the present control the Yankees have been a failure. There has been much lacking in conducting the club's affairs, while the absence of ready money also was a handicap. With anything like a respectable team in New York the American League will prosper their Then, too, the sale of Collins to show whether he is a capable manager. It is all well and good to talk about successful managers, but none of them successful unless he has a ball the other clubs in the league.

Nor is it assured that the base ball public of Palaelphia will resent the changing of that team. Folks over in Quaker towa unabsubtedly are tired of seeing the Athletics win, and with Mack at the helm trying to rebuild a strong team the fans are apt to give his team better support than they did in the days when pennants were won with alarming regularity.

Rube Marquard has been returned to the Giants. The Wards, owners of the Brookfeds, upon learning that the Rube had misrepresented facts to them notified President Hempstead that they did not want the erratic pitcher and would return him to the Giants.

Just what McGraw will do with the big left-hander remains to be seen, but the chances are he will figure in some sort of a trade. The Rube might be able to prove of value to some other team, but so far as the Giants are concerned he is about through.

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the Giants. The Feds would have considered it a ten-strike to take Matty from the Giants, but they were unable to lure him away from New York, though it is a fact that Mathewson, undoubtedly one of the greatest pitchers the game has ever known, has really never been as high-salaried a man as many of the big stars of the game.

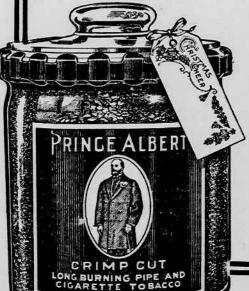
Malcolm McLean of the Chicago Even-ing Post insists that Clyde Milan will follow Walter Johnson to the Federals. In the following article he tells the

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